Creating SEZs in education sector

1366. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to create SEZs in education sector;

(b) whether it is also a fact that fee in the educational institutions set up in such SEZs will be charged in foreign currency as reported in media;

(c) if so, whether Government have appreciated that a large section of Indian population will be excluded from availing the opportunity in the institutions located in SEZs due to such clause; and

(d) the steps being taken to ease the access to Indian citizens in such educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI) : (a) While Rule 76 of the SEZ Rules lists the services that can be provided from an SEZ, and includes educational services, there is no proposal at present to create SEZ specifically for the education sector.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Weightage to attendance and internal assessment

1367. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised norms for giving weightage to attendance and internal assessment to improve the present system of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these norms are likely to be implemented all over the country; and

(d) the broad guidelines drawn in this regard to improve the deteriorating standard of education in the country?